

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Conservation Working Group
Tuesday, November 20, 2001

Attendance: Kaitilin Gaffney, Molly Ober, Steve Webster, John Fisher, Sean Morton, Patricia Matajcek, Milos Radakovich, David Dilworth, Greg Gauthier, Bob Battillio, Josh from Friends of the Sea Otter, Tom Kiefhoffer, Jack Wilkinson, Meredith Lopuch

Announcements:

Steve Webster- Monterey City Council Meeting deciding recommendations for Sanctuary Management Plan Review to be held on November 20th.

Sean Morton: announced that the Sanctuary has sent letters to City Councils and Boards of Supervisors throughout the Sanctuary on the MPR. Sean hopes the scoping meetings will raise public awareness on MPR and the Sanctuary will still accept comments after January from local governments.

Patricia: Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation are looking into the sea cave developing under lighthouse field. City of SC needs to come up with comprehensive plan for the city.

Molly announced she is departing from SOS to go back to school and that they are hiring for a policy assistant position.

John Fisher gave a summary of First Flush and noted data from the tests are available through Bridget Hoover.

Kaitilin- gave power plant update noting the EPA regulations for new power plants state you are not allowed to use once through cooling and that they will be required to recycle the water. However, the new regs include significant loopholes. Enviros asked for dry cooling and may challenge the new regs

Milos- Tenera Associates have been contracted to look at tidepools in PG and Baynet will be involved in surveying intertidal areas between Assilomar and Hopkins.

Sean Morton: Sanctuary Report- the entire staff is focusing in on MPR. Sean discussed how the scoping meeting will be run. There will be a 20 minute intro on the MPR by Sanctuary Staff followed by small group breakout sessions. Each group will have a notetaker who will record individual public comments. After the small group sessions, a summary of the issues will be put on posters and for closure to the meeting Sanctuary staff will review the issues raised.

Sean said he would appreciate it if CWG compiled background info from the scientific presentations CWG received on our priority issues for the MPR.

Steve asked how the Sanctuary will weigh the issues raised by the SAC compared to those raised by the public. In theory Sean said they would be equal but in reality SAC will be weighted more.

Kaitilin said she would revise the TOC/SOS MPR brochure for distribution at the scoping meetings.

David Dillworth- gave a presentation on an inexpensive way to prevent oil spills. The idea came from the aircraft industry which installs bladders in planes to protect fuel from leaking. Fuel bladders cost roughly \$5,000.00 and in David's estimate could reduce tanker spills by 80%. These bladders are cost effective and could be placed in tankers and other water craft as a preventative measure. He would like members of CWG to bring this concept up during the MPR and to convince the Sanctuary this is something that should be implemented.

Nomination for Sanctuary Currents 2002 Awards-

Nomination for Conservation Award- Vicki Nichols

Nomination for Citizen Award- Kaitlin Gaffney

Nomination for Public Officer- PG Mayor Sandy Kauffman

Nomination for Environmental Organization- Coastal Watershed Council

Nomination for Business- Sanctuary Cruises

Nomination for Education- Jen Jolly

Kaitilin- update on MLPA she talked about the formation of the Coalition of Organizations for Ocean Life (COOL) and the valuable partnership between the dive and conservation communities. COOL members will be meeting w/ Paul Reilly from DFG to provide input on MLPA.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.